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SUBJECT: ARA WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

1. SUMMARY: THERE WILL BE MORE CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS ON HUMAN RIGHTS. U.S. AND MEXICAN NEGOTIATORS WILL MEET TO TRY TO WORK OUT A FISHERIES ARRANGEMENT IN ANTICIPATION OF THE MEXICAN 200-MILE ECONOMIC-ZONE LEGISLATION THAT GOES INTO EFFECT JULY 31. THE SEC HAS A REPORT FROM ALCOA THAT AN UNIDENTIFIED U.S. AMBASSADOR (FYI: DE ROULET) SOLICITED DOLS 25,000 FROM ALCOA IN 1971 FOR A POLITICAL PARTY IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY (FYI: THE JLP IN JAMAICA). UNGA BEGINS SEPTEMBER 21, AND THE DEPARTMENT IS PREPARING FOR IT. THE IDB IS STUDYING THE CREATION OF AN INVESTMENT FUND TO PROVIDE EQUITY CAPITAL FOR NEW VENTURES IN THE REGION. WE ARE REVIEWING YOUR E AND E PLANS. FACE-TO-FACE ENCOUNTERS ARE PROVING SUCCESSFUL FOR ARA. PERU WANTS MORE ARMS. END SUMMARY.

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2. HUMAN RIGHTS AND CONGRESS: CONGRESSMAN FRASER (D-MINN)

WILL HOLD A SERIES OF HEARINGS ON HUMAN RIGHTS FROM JULY 27 TO AUGUST 10 COVERING THE SITUATIONS IN URUGUAY AND PARAGUAY, THE PROBLEM IN THE UNGA, AND THE OAS ASPECT. WE CAN EXPECT SUBSEQUENT HEARINGS ON CENTRAL AMERICA, WITH GUATEMALA AND NICARAGUA IN THE LIMELIGHT. WE EXPECT THESE

SESSIONS TO BE PACKED WITH ACTIVISTS, AND THE ATMOSPHERE FOR OUR WITNESSES WILL BE HOSTILE. WE WILL BE TALKING WITH FRASER ABOUT TRYING TO FOCUS MORE ON STEPS THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY COULD TAKE TO PROMOTE OBSERVANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

3. U.S. FISHERIES: U.S. AND MEXICAN NEGOTIATORS WILL MEET AGAIN IN MEXICO CITY THE WEEK OF THE 19TH TO TRY TO WORK OUT AN ARRANGEMENT FOR THE U.S. FISHERIES THAT WILL BE AFFECTED WHEN MEXICAN 200-MILE ECONOMIC-ZONE LEGISLATION GOES INTO EFFECT ON JULY 31. A SERIOUS IMPASSE MAY RESULT ON THE QUESTION OF ARRANGEMENTS TO DEAL WITH THE TRADITIONAL U.S. SHRIMP FISHERY OFF THE MEXICAN GULF COAST. THE MEXICAN POSITION IS THAT THE U.S. SHRIMP FISHERY SHOULD BE ELIMINATED RIGHT AWAY. AN ABRUPT ELIMINATION OF THE FISHERY MAY TRIGGER EFFORTS BY FISHERMEN'S GROUPS AND SOME IN CONGRESS TO PLACE A PROHIBITION ON FISHERIES IMPORTS FROM MEXICO. THE EMBARGO PROVISION IN THE 1976 FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION ACT IS QUITE STRONGLY DRAWN. THE QUESTION OF THE TUNA FISHERY IS POTENTIALLY EQUALLY DISRUPTIVE. A RECENT DIPLOMATIC NOTE INDICATES THAT MEXICO WILL REQUIRE LICENSES FOR FISHING IN MEXICO'S ZONE. IF U.S. TUNA VESSELS DO NOT PURCHASE LICENSES, AS THEY GENERALLY HAVE NOT DONE FROM ECUADOR, SEIZURE BY MEXICO WILL ENSUE. THIS WOULD BRING INTO PLAY THE FISHERMEN'S PROTECTIVE ACT AND OTHER LEGISLATION PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS SANCTIONS.

4. SEC REPORT ON ALCOA PAYMENTS ABROAD: THE NEW YORK TIMES REPORTED ON JULY 15 THAT THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (SEC) HAD A REPORT FILED WITH IT BY THE ALUMINUM COMPANY OF AMERICA (ALCOA) INDICATING THAT AN UNIDENTIFIED U.S. AMBASSADOR SOLICITED AT LEAST DOLS 25,000 FROM ALCOA IN 1971 FOR PAYMENT TO A POLITICAL PARTY OF A FOREIGN
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COUNTRY. WE CONFIRMED TO THE PRESS HERE A PRESS REPORT THAT THE COUNTRY MENTIONED IN THE PAPERS IS JAMAICA, AND THE AMBASSADOR WAS DE ROULET. WE WILL ADD, HOWEVER, THAT WE HAVE NOTHING TO EVEN SUGGEST THAT ANY SUCH ACTION WAS TAKEN WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OR APPROVAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. WE WILL ADD THAT WE NOTE A STATEMENT IN THE REPORT FILED WITH THE SEC THAT POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS IN JAMAICA WERE LEGAL AT THE TIME.

5. PERU DOES IT AGAIN: INDICATIONS THAT PERU IS ABOUT TO BUY SOVIET FIGHTER-BOMBER AIRCRAFT HAVE STIMULATED CONCERN ONCE AGAIN AT THE IMPLICATIONS OF PERU'S CONTINUED ARMS BUYING. DESPITE SEVERE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PROBLEMS, THE PERUVIAN ARMED SERVICES CONTINUE TO SHOP FOR EXPENSIVE, SOPHISTICATED WEAPON SYSTEMS. THE PRIORITY GIVEN TO SUCH PURCHASES SEEMS EVEN MORE INCONGRUOUS IN VIEW OF RECENTLY DECREED AUSTERITY MEASURES CALLING FOR LARGE CUTS IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUDGETS.

6. PUBLIC AFFAIRS: ON JULY 12 THE CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT'S FACE-TO-FACE PROGRAM SPONSORED THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF DINNER MEETINGS DESIGNED TO BRING TOGETHER KEY ARA OFFICERS, CONGRESSIONAL AIDES, AND OTHER SELECT PARTICIPANTS. THE FIRST MEETING INVOLVED 15 CONGRESSIONAL STAFFERS AND EQUAL NUMBERS OF ARA AND PUBLIC PARTICIPANTS. IT FOCUSED ON PROBLEMS OF EXECUTIVE/CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS IN THE LATIN AMERICAN POLICY AREA. DR. NORMAN ORNSTEIN OF AMERICAN UNIVERSITY AND A MEMBER OF THE SENATE'S SELECT COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES MADE A PRESENTATION THAT STIMULATED DISCUSSION. ORNSTEIN DISCUSSED THE CHARACTER OF THE 94TH CONGRESS AND HOW THE ORGANIZATION OF POWER HAS CHANGED. HE STRESSED THE SIZE OF THE FRESHMAN CONTINGENT IN THE HOUSE, AND ANTICIPATED SIMILAR SIGNIFICANT CHANGES FROM THE UP-COMING ELECTIONS. THE MESSAGE TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT IMPLICIT IN ORNSTEIN'S PRESENTATION WAS THE NEED TO SEEK NEW WAYS TO RELATE TO THE CONGRESS THAT WOULD TAKE ACCOUNT OF ITS CHANGED CHARACTER. FURTHER MEETINGS WILL DEAL WITH MORE SPECIFIC LATIN POLICY ISSUES.

7. UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY (UNGA): THE UNGA BEGINS SEPTEMBER 21, AND THE DEPARTMENT IS ALREADY PREPAR-
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ING FOR IT. PLEASE KEEP US INFORMED AS YOU DEVELOP INFORMATION ON HIGH-LEVEL ATTENDANCE AND REQUESTS FOR APPOINTMENTS WITH THE SECRETARY.

8. INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (IDB): THE IDB IS STUDYING THE CREATION OF AN INVESTMENT FUND TO PROVIDE EQUITY CAPITAL FOR NEW VENTURES IN THE REGION. IF THE FUND COMES INTO EXISTENCE, IT SHOULD BE AN ATTRACTIVE INNOVATION TO THE LATIN AMERICANS.

9. EMERGENCY AND EVACUATION (E AND E) PLANS: THE DESK OFFICERS ARE CURRENTLY REVIEWING ALL E AND E PLANS AT MY REQUEST. YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED IF ANY MAJOR DEFICIENCIES IN YOUR PLAN ARE IDENTIFIED. IN THE MEANTIME, PLEASE REMEMBER THE REQUIREMENT FOR A SEMI-ANNUAL REVIEW OF E AND

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